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FROM: Mark J. Saladino  
Treasurer and Tax Collector 

SUBJECT: BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY REPORT  
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

At the meeting of September 30, 1997, your Board approved amendments to the Los Angeles County Code requiring the Treasurer and Tax Collector, in cooperation with the Sheriff and the Department of Health Services, to implement a reporting format to track business license enforcement activity and to provide a quarterly summary to the Board of all license enforcement activities performed by the appropriate agencies.

A copy of the Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2003 is attached for your information. Detailed enforcement activity is available upon request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 974-2101 or your staff may contact Dwight Andersen of my staff at (213) 893-7968.

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c: Business License Commission  
Interdepartmental Coordination Group  
Sheriff's Department  
Department of Animal Care and Control  
Fire Department  
Department of Health Services  
Regional Planning Department  
Department of Public Works

**BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT  
ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT  
QUARTER ENDING December 31, 2003**

**TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR ACTIVITY**

Businesses Inspected	635		
In Compliance	437		
Non Compliance	198		
	License Not Posted	51	
	Unlicensed Activity	51	
	New Owner	28	
	Other Violation	68	
Non Compliance Enforcement Actions	198		
Business w/County License	119		
Pending Disposition	30		
Action Taken	89		
	Owner Corrected Violation	89	
	Referred to BLC and ICG	0	
Business without County License	79		
Pending Disposition	15		
Action Taken	64		
	Corrected Violation	64	
	Referred to ICG	0	

**TAXICABS**

Inspected	2		
Sealed	2		
Special Taxicab Enforcement (See attached report)			
In Compliance	0		
Non Compliance	13		
Citation Issued/Impounded	13		
Itinerant Businesses Inspected	0		
(Peddler, Tow Truck, Circus/Carnival)			
In Compliance	0		
Non Compliance	0		
Owner Corrected Violation	0		
Referred to BLC and ICG	0		

**REPORTS FROM CONSTITUENTS OF NON COMPLIANCE**

Non compliance	2		
Business w/County License	0		
Pending Disposition	0		
Action Taken	0		
	Owner Corrected Violation	0	
	Referred to BLC and ICG	0	
Business without County License	2		
Pending Disposition	0		
Action Taken	2		
	Corrected Violation	2	
	Referred to ICG	0	

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**SHERIFF ACTIVITY**

Businesses Inspected	28		
In Compliance		16	
Non Compliance		12	
Non Compliance	12		
Business w/County License		4	
Pending Disposition			0
Action Taken			4
Owner Corrected Violation			4
Referred to BLC and ICG			0
Business without County License		8	
Pending Disposition			0
Action Taken			8
Citation/Warning			0
Corrected Violation			8
Referred to ICG			0

**HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT – AMBULANCE/AMBULETTE**

Ambulance/Ambulette Vehicles Inspected	627		
In Compliance		586	
Non Compliance		41	
Action Taken		41	
Vehicle Out of Service			0
Owner Corrected Violation			41
Referred for Hearing			0

**REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF NON COMPLIANCE**

Non Compliance	3		
Business w/County License		1	
Pending Disposition			0
Action Taken			1
Owner Corrected Violation			0
Referred to BLC and ICG			1
Business without County License		2	
Pending Disposition			0
Action Taken			2
Corrected Violation			2
Referred to ICG			0

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**FIRST DISTRICT**

**Andy's Liquor Store, 4312 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., East Los Angeles**

On October 1, 2003, the Business License Commission conducted a public hearing on a recommendation to deny renewals of a Food Establishment Business License and a Coin Game Business License for Andy's Liquor Store, located at 4312 East Cesar Chavez Avenue, East Los Angeles. Earlier this year the East Los Angeles Sheriff's conducted an ABC decoy operation at this location. A store employee was issued a misdemeanor citation for violation of State Law 2565 (a) B&P, sales of alcohol to a minor. The Treasurer and Tax Collector recommended denial of the Food Establishment and Coin Game Business License renewal. The Business License Commission granted the renewal of both licenses under the following conditions: (1) owner and employees complete ABC owner education program, (2) provide proof of enrolling within 90 days, (3) post signage in English and Spanish that no one under 21 can purchase alcohol, (4) every customer purchasing alcohol under 30 years of age be asked to present identification, and, (5) post signage in English and Spanish in the front and side of the business stating that "loitering is prohibited".

**Peddler- Commercial Motor Vehicle Business License Renewal Denials (2)**

On October 8, 2003, the Business License Commission conducted public hearings on a recommendation to deny the renewal of a Peddler- Commercial Motor Vehicle Business License for Juan Hernandez and Gerardo Garcia. The request to deny by the Treasurer and Tax Collector was in response to citizens' complaints and a recommendation from Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department. The Business License Commission granted the renewal of the license to both Juan Hernandez and Gerardo Garcia with the following conditions: (1) 60 day review (2) Sheriff's Department can request hearing before the 60 day review (3) Renewal applicant's counsel waived the accusation procedure as part of the Business License Commission license revocation process (4) applicants ordered to cooperate with the Sheriff and all County agencies (5) applicants not engage in the rotation of parking spaces and (6) applicants follow the 30-minute parking limit per County Code.

**Atlantic Hotel, 5379 East Whittier Blvd., East Los Angeles**

On October 15, 2003, The Business License Commission conducted a public hearing on a recommendation to deny renewal of a Hotel +16 Business License for the Atlantic Hotel located at 5379 East Whittier Blvd., East Los Angeles. The request to deny was in response to citizens' complaints from the adjacent neighborhood and a recommendation to deny from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department. The Business License Commission granted the renewal of the business license with the following conditions: (1) guests allowed only for long term residents, (2) no hourly rate permitted, (3) rooms cannot be rented for less than 24 hrs, (4) hotel to keep 24 hr surveillance tape for 30-days and Sheriff granted access to tape upon request, (5) customer must provide proper identification, (6) guest registration cards kept for 3 years, (7) provide increased lighting on site, and (8) owner must visit location daily to review records.

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**East Los Angeles Peddler Sweeps**

On Saturday, November 8, 2003, the Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) participated in a vendor sweep in the East Los Angeles unincorporated area. The vendor sweep was conducted by the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station and the Department of Health Services (DHS). Also participating was the Department of Regional Planning, and the Department of Public Works, Building & Safety. The results of the vendor sweep were as follows:

1. **Whittier Blvd., and S. Fetterly Ave.** Enforcement action conducted by DHS against street peddlers with food push carts.
2. **5200 E. Olympic Blvd.** Unlicensed Peddler Commercial Vehicle was issued a misdemeanor citation by the Sheriff.
3. **Olympic Blvd. and Ditman Ave.** Unlicensed Peddler Commercial Vehicle issued a written warning notice by TTC to obtain a business license.
4. **Record Ave. and 6th Street.** An "Illegal Cooker" confiscated by DHS.
5. **4018 Hammel Ave.** An "Illegal "Cooker" confiscated by DHS.

All food from the illegal cookers was confiscated by DHS.

On November 15, 2003, TTC participated in a vendor sweep in the East Los Angeles unincorporated area. The vendor sweep was conducted by the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station and DHS. Also participating was the Department of Regional Planning and the Department of Public Works, Building and Safety. The results of the vendor sweep were as follows:

1. **3875 Third Street.** Trailer operator issued misdemeanor citation for illegally operating in the County unincorporated area.
2. **4023 E. Olympic Boulevard.** Trailer operator issued misdemeanor citation for illegally operating in the County unincorporated area.
3. **3800 E. Olympic Boulevard.** Trailer operator advised to leave area.
4. **Record Avenue and Cesar Chavez Boulevard.** Peddler Commercial Vehicle issued citation by DHS.

On Saturday, November 22, 2003 TTC participated in a vendor sweep conducted by the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station and DHS. Also participating was the Department of Regional Planning and the Department of Public Works, Building and Safety. The results of the sweep were as follows:

1. **Olympic Boulevard and Garfield Avenue.** Peddler Commercial Motor Vehicle was issued a written warning notice by TTC for operating without a business license.
2. **Arizona Avenue and Whittier Boulevard.** Peddler Commercial Motor Vehicle was issued a written warning notice by TTC for operating without a business license.
3. **Cesar Chavez Avenue and Arizona Avenue.** Peddler Commercial Trailer was instructed to leave by TTC and Sheriff. An "Illegal Cooker" was confiscated at this location by DHS.

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On Friday, December 12, 2003, TTC staff participated in a vendor sweep in the unincorporated East Los Angeles area conducted by the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and the Department of Health Services. During the sweep, two peddler commercial motor vehicles were inspected and were found to be in compliance. At the request of the Sheriff's Department, TTC conducted an inspection at the Lampliter Bar located at 1347 S. Atlantic Blvd., Los Angeles, California. The business was found to be in compliance.

On Sunday, December 21, 2003, TTC staff participated in a vendor sweep in the unincorporated East Los Angeles area conducted by the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and the Department of Health Services. During the sweep, two peddler commercial motor vehicles were inspected. The Health Inspectors for Health Code violations closed the first vehicle. The other was issued a written warning notice by TTC for operating without a business license and closed by Health Inspectors for Health Code violations. Also, the Health Inspectors closed an illegal trailer and the Sheriff's Department gave the operator a verbal warning, as trailers are not allowed in the unincorporated County areas.

**Bandit Taxi Cab Sting Operation**

On Wednesday, December 3, 2003, the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station organized and conducted a taxicab sting operation targeting bandit taxicabs in the unincorporated East Los Angeles area. The operation included Sheriff sworn personnel and representatives from the Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), Business License Field Inspection Unit and staff from the County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures. Thirteen vehicles were inspected during the operation and impounded. The drivers were issued misdemeanor citations for operating without a business license.

**SECOND DISTRICT**

**Lennox and Florence/Firestone Vendor Sweeps**

On October 3, 2003, the Treasurer and Tax Collector participated in a vendor sweep in the Lennox and Florence/Firestone areas of the unincorporated County. During the sweeps the Health Department confiscated seven pull carts for health code violations.

**COUNTYWIDE EFFORTS**

**Adult Business Licensing**

In response to the Board-adopted modifications to Title VII of the County Code relating to Business Licenses, TTC sent notices by certified mail on November 30, 2003 to the ten existing adult businesses in the unincorporated area informing them of the changes.

This was followed by a site visit to each business location by TTC staff and a representative from the Sheriff's Department. The site visit was conducted to inform the owners of the requirements for operating as an adult business. TTC was informed at this time that Attorney Roger Diamond was the legal representative of six of the businesses. Mr. Diamond requested and was provided copies of the Adult business license application and other related materials.